From: Kyes, Kerry G

To: 'microsoft.atr(a)usdoj.gov'

Date: 12/7/01 2:05pm **Subject:** microsoft settlement

I am quite unhappy about the Microsoft settlement. This is an aggressive and openly monopolistic company that has destroyed much of the competitive environment within the micro software industry. The settlement does little to nothing to prevent their continued action in that respect in the future, and in fact, their current product releases put them right back into the same old mode of monopolistic operation. If the government settles with Microsoft without forcing a separation of the company into system and applications areas, there will have been nothing gained whatsoever. This business area could have been broadly based and successful. It still might regain that status, but it is currently an industry in trouble. Please provide us with the relief we had been expecting from all this ongoing legal action. I ask you as a career programmer since the 1960's who has seen Microsoft put 2 of my business endeavors in the trash with their monopolistic actions over the years. Little people like me have no one to protect our interests if you do not take action to save this industry from corporations like Microsoft.